[2nd March 1926

I

NEW MEMBER.

M.R.Ry. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU Garu made the prescribed affirmation of allegiance to the Crown, and then took his seat.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the* 4*th December* 1924—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Civil Justice.

Committee to consider the question of High Court establishment.

* 1475 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are contemplating the appointment of a committee to consider the whole question of High Court establishment;

(*b*) if so, when the committee is likely to be constituted; and

(*c*) whether the proposed committee will go into the question of re-organization and retrenchment?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Criminal Investigation Department.

Investigation into crimes in the Ceded districts.

* 1476 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any detailed investigation into grave crimes in the Ceded districts has been made;

(*b*) whether any result has been arrived at as regards their causes and the means to prevent the said crimes;

(*c*) what, if any, are the special measures proposed or recommended in the matter;